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New York City has two great skyscrapers. One is the Chrysler building that had some challenges, difficulties and irony associated its construction, the Chrysler building is going to be a symbol for faith in our future. Second is the Empire State building that also had some challenges, difficulties and irony involved with its construction and is going to be a symbol of faith for our future.

The Chrysler building had to face some challenges with the bank of Manhattan to be the tallest skyscraper in the world. As this was going on, William Van Alen added the 185 ft spire in November 1929. This revised the building to go from 808 ft to 925 ft (University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Engineering PowerPoint Presentation [chryslerbuilding.ppt](http://bronx-institute-saturday-academy.wikispaces.com/space/showimage/chryslerbuilding.ppt)). The Chrysler building also faced taxation problems. According to [Chrysler Building Escapes City Taxes.pdf](http://bronx-institute-saturday-academy.wikispaces.com/space/showimage/Chrysler%20Building%20Escapes%20City%20Taxes.pdf), the Chrysler building will be free of city taxes unless the old law which exempts the land and building from taxation is changed or its interpretation altered by the courts.

The Empire State building faced some challenges too. The Empire State building’s Pierre S. Du and John Jacob Raskobb had to make decisions about the architectural form that were motivated by economic demands and the need for speed in accordance with <http://www.jstor.org.memex.lehman.cuny.edu:2048/sici?sici=00379808(2000)59:2%3C237:BTES%3E2.0.CO;2->. Seven people died during the construction of the Empire State building. This building was in a bad location for business and nobody liked it until twenty years later.

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Irony caught up with the Chrysler building is that Walter p. Chrysler was doing every thing to make his building the tallest in the world. Right after that, the crash of 1929 that started in 1928 came and the great depression started after the crash. In addition, the Empire State building was built in less than a year and took the Chrysler buildings place for the tallest building in the world. Along with <http://www.jstor.org.memex.lehman.cuny.edu:2048/sici?sici=0037-9808(2000)59:2%3C237:BTES%3E2.0.CO;2->, irony caught up with the Empire State building is that it was in a location in which contributed to the building unpopularity with people helped it achieve iconic status.

In these days, the Chrysler building and the Empire State building are well known. They are both visible in the skyline. In postcards, you will see the Chrysler and the Empire State building. In the future, they would symbolize faith because they are some of the tall skyscrapers in the world and passed through many troubles during their construction. They are still standing today and are lighting up our night.

New York City has some great skyscrapers. The Chrysler building now is used for offices space, retail stores, television, and radio broadcasting. Through all the Chrysler buildings problems, it has made a great skyscraper these days. The Empire State building is now the most romantic site in NYC and is the center lighthouse of the city. This building has improved a lot over the years and is one of the best skyscrapers in the world.